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CIVIL AVIATION
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TRAINING TO PILOTS OF AIR INDIA AND INDIAN AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether practical training is proposed to be imparted to the Air India and Indian Airlines pilots and their crews todeal with the eventuality of hijacking of planes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether provision of a gas mask in the cockpit is proposed for use of pilots in Indian Commercial flights with a view to immobilising the hijackers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION
(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)
(a) & (b) Bureau of Civil Aviation Security organises training courses for cockpit and cabin crew of the Airlines to deal with the eventuality of hijacking of a plane as well as other unlawful interferences on board an aircraft.

(c) & (d) Pressure breathing oxygen masks are available for the cockpit crew as well as passengers. The release of any gas which can immobilize the hijackers, may also have an adverse/ deliterious effect o n the passengers especially infants and medically compromised passengers.